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DELEGATES SHOW KEEN INTEREST IN HARDING PROPOSAL

Some Favor World Association, But All Await Further Details.

SUCCESS OF CONFERENCE **WOULD STRIKE AT LEAGUE**

Future Meeting, Some Probability in Far East, Indicated by Trend of Events. BY G. GOULD LINCOLN.

The suggestion emanating from the White House that out of the present Washington conference there may de velop an association of nations with annual assemblies to discuss world problems has stirred the keenest interest among the delegations of the foreign powers now here. It is the topic most generally under discussion

The reaction to the idea of future conferences for the settlement of international problems-for the promotion of peace and the further limita tion of armament-was distinctly favorable, according to opinions obtained from spokesmen of various

Await More Details.

With regard to the actual formation of an association of nations, however the foreigners are inclined to await a more detailed statement and concrete proposal before expressing an

In the back of the minds of every one, not unnaturally, is the league of nations, created at the Paris peace conference, and what is to be the fate of that organization in the event of the establishment of a new asso-ciation of the nations of the world. Will it be possible for the old league will it be possible for the old league to exist side by side with the pro-posed new association of nations? It was suggested that perhaps it is a little too early to tackle this question, ed association of nations is still in rather nebulous form.

Prestige of League in Balance.

There seems little doubt, however, that if the Washington conference settles important problems of the Pacific-which the Paris conference failed utterly to solve—and brings about a limitation of naval armament, as it low appears probable the Washington conference will do, the prestige of the with the Hague conference work and tague of nations will take a long tumber, and anything that may grow out of the Washington conference in the way of an association of nations will gain correspondingly in its hold upon the initiative in calling Hague conference work and its defects, and who can advise him how to avoid the pitfalls of those meetings. One trouble was that the initiative in calling Hague conference work and its defects, and who can advise him how to avoid the pitfalls of those initiative in calling Hague conference work and its defects, and who can advise him how to avoid the pitfalls of those initiative in calling Hague conference work and its defects, and who can advise him how to avoid the pitfalls of those initiative in calling Hague conference work and its defects, and who can advise him how to avoid the pitfalls of those initiative in calling Hague conference work and its defects, and who can advise him how to avoid the pitfalls of those initiative in calling Hague conference work and its defects, and who can advise him how to avoid the pitfalls of those initiative in calling Hague conference work and its defects, and who can advise him how to avoid the pitfalls of those initiative in calling Hague conference work and its defects, and who can advise him how to avoid the pitfalls of those initiative in calling Hague conference work and its defects, and who can advise him how to avoid the pitfalls of those initiative in calling Hague conference work and its defects, and who can advise him how to avoid the pitfalls of those initiative in calling Hague conference work and the pitfalls of those initiative in calling Hague conference work and the pitfalls of those initiative in calling Hague conference work and the pitfall had the p

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The view expressed at Japanese headquarters today with regard to discuss international matters was ustinctly favorable. In fact, the idea was plainly welcomed. There is much optimism there as to the outcome of the present conference. It was pointed out today by a spokesman for the Japanese that the problems of the nations change frequently from year to year, and for that reason an assembly of nations annually would be an extremely wise step. Without any suggestion that the league of nations was to fall into "innocuous desuetude," it was nevertheless pointed out that the United States is not a member of that league, and that it is being borne in Mr. Harding's idea is that the conferences in the trouble was that the challenge conference was left to an individual. The left alone, would be conducive, sooner or later, to war between powers of such magnitude as to make the war another world catastrophe. It is between the war another world catastrophe. It is left alone, would be conducive, sooner or later, to war between powers of such magnitude as to mache the war another world catastrophe. It is left alone, would be conducive, sooner or later, to war between powers of such magnitude. The left alone, would be canching in the war between powers of such magnitude. The left alone, would be states is not a member of that league, and that it is being borne in upon the Japanese more and more that the United States is a neighbor. The Japanese delegation, it was said, has come here with the utmost frankness, desiring to do all in its power looking to the most friendly relations between the two countries as tions between the two countries, as well as with the rest of the world.

Far East Meeting Suggested.

Nothing could be more conducive to the most friendly relations, in the opinion of the Japanese, than free and frank discussions from year to year, in which the principal statesmen of the nations may sit down together and talk things over. Some of the future meetings, outgrowths of the Washington conference, might well be held in the far east, it was well be held in the far east, it was suggested. An association of nations, if such develops, might meet in America one year, the far east another and in Europe in still another year, it was pointed out.

The British here, while looking with approval upon any plans for the future peace of the world, are particularly desirous of hearing the details of an association of nations, as proposed, before expressing themselves as to its advisability, it was pointed out today.

pointed out today. Belgians Look to Future.

Spokesmen for the Belgian delegation also took the view that future conferences similar to the Washington one would be most desirable.

It has been made clear that the present conference, while it probably will meet with success in handling a number of the problems of the far east, and with the matter of the limitation of naval armament, will likely get little further in dealing with the limitation of land armament than a set of principles regarding "civilized" warfare. But it is realized that if there is to be a real external content of armament problems settlement of armament, problems something must be done in connection with land armies. If it cannot be done at the Washington conference, and France has indicated that it cannot, then it can be done only at future conferences.

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It is known that Italy and other
European nations are intensely in-terested in some steps being taken
which will bring about a limitation
of land armies. The British position
has already been clearly indicated in
Lord Curzon's recent speech in Lon-

Italians Are Enthusiastic.

The Italian view, as obtained here teday, in regard to the American proposal for future conferences is not only sympathetic, but enthusiastic. Italy, it is understood, would be as friendly to the idea of future conferences as it was and is to the Washington conference. Also, the Italians would, be glad to see nations not in-cluded in the present conference take part in future conferences, particular-ly when it comes to the discussion of reduction of land armaments. The realize that it is impossible to deal effectively with limitation of land armament while some of the most (Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1921-TWENTY-TWO PAGES. DECIDED PROGRESS MADE BY EXPERTS ON NAVIES

Another Plenary Session Expected in Near Future to Permit Japan and Britain to Submit Counter Proposals in Concrete Form.

By the Associated Press.

So much progress has been made by the naval experts examining details of the American reduction plan. tails of the American reduction plan any agreement reached by the con-

that some of the arms delegates expect another plenary session may be held in the near future to permit Japan and Great Britain to submit their counter proposals in concrete form.

The American and British naval experts were said today virtually to have completed their examination of the technical points involved in Secretary Hughes' proposal. The Japanese experts, however, were still considering the figures and facts involved.

The British were said to feel that highly satisfactory progress had been made, but their spokesmen would not another the steps proposed as to surface fleets. The statement that British experts were ready to present their findings to the conference follows the authoritative assertion yesterday that the American group had found nothing in the figures presented by the Conference will not be an unqualified success unless some action is taken to curb the size and nature of future "underseas navies" similar to the steps proposed as to surface fleets. The statement that British experts were ready to present their findings to the conference follows the authoritative assertion yesterday that the American group had found nothing in the figures presented by the conference.

WORLD ASSOCIATION SEVERAL RESULTS WAR FREE, U. S. AIM

Plan Absolved From Penalties of Conflicts.

BY DAVID LAWRENCE. President · Harding has taken informally the first step toward the perpetuation of the idea of international armament conference?" conference as developed by the present meeting for the limitation of

Mr. Harding is sounding the pow ers as to his plan. It is not a league of nations nor an association of nations in the sense that the Versailles treaty created an international body. No such formal or rigid institution, ror such rules and regulations or obligations as the covenant of the league provided, are in Mr. Harding's mind, but he does hope to develop sequel to the first and second Hague conferences of 1899 and 1907 which may benefit by the experience of those bring about a general get-together and the United States. It is the mameeting of nations at frequent in- jority opinion in conference circles

The President has about him me like Elihu Root, who are familiar

and it is indeed the only thing thing need be laid before the powers, for Mr. Harding's idea is that the conference shall make its own rules when it meets, shall frame its own program and take action as individual sovereign nations and not as

Feels Allies Are Nucleus.

standing committee might be appointed, consisting of representatives of several countries, to whom a petiof several countries, to whom a petition for an international conference could be made. For the moment the President feels that a meeting every year would be be a good idea, but some provision would have to be made, of course, for the calling of a conference when emergencies developed, and it is for that reason a oped, and it is for that reason a standing committee has been urged by some of the counselors, who have laid the matter before Mr. Harding.

It is more than a coincidence, perhaps, that the first Hague conference haps, that the first Hague conference was called for the very purpose of limiting armaments, but Germany was unwilling to agree to a reduction or limitation. The first Hague conference of 1899 was more or less experimental, only twenty-six governments being represented. The second conference, in 1907, found forty-four conference, in 1907, found forty-four states represented, and definite rules of international law were drawn up, which unfortunately were disregard-ed by many of these powers when the war of 1914 broke out.

League Bound Up in Treaty.

Far from attempting to create a rival of the league of nations, Mr. Harding's idea is that the latter body is essentially an institution for the inforcement of the treaty of Versailles and as such has a peculiarly valuable (Continued on Page 2, Column 4.)

Lloyd George Needed Here, British Believe; May Arrive Shortly

By the Associated Press.

LONDON, November 26.—The Daily Graphic this morning says it is extremely probable that Premier Lloyd George will go to Washington shortly, as it is felt that his presence at the arma-

ment conference there has be-come necessary.

Many messages urging Mr.
Lloyd George to make every ef-fort to attend some of the ses-sions of the Washington consions of the Washington con-ference were received at his of-ficial residence in Downing street today. Although the premier is unable at the mo-ment to arrive at a decision, it is understood he still entertains hope of attending, and inquiries are heing under regarding the are being made regarding the sailings of steamships, in order that no time may be lost if be should be able to cross the At-lautic before Christmas.

President Sounds Nations on Halting of Naval Race Regarded as One Definite Conference Benefit.

> BY N. O. MESSENGER. "What tangible and practical re sults are likely to come out of the This question is frequently pro-

pounded and discussed on the side lines of the great international meeting, as the passing days and marching events forecast in a broad and general way a successful outcome. People want to know just what the big men of the conference think can be presented that the world-can instantly recognize as of value to

Halt Naval Race.

One of the answers frequently suggested in appraisal of the value of the expected accomplishment is the stopping of the contest for naval international gatherings and supremacy by Great Britain, Japan that this can be done. And the people who express it usually add, "If the conference did nothing lese, that outcome alone would repay the ef-

fort of the undertaking." Another practical result deeme possible is the removal of irritating

fast treaty stipulations.

The United States, it is argued, through this conference, which came into being on the initiative of this government, refutes the charge that America is holding aloof from participation in world affairs or taking an attitude of seifish isolation. That The President feels that the principal allied and associated powers constitute a nucleus. Instead of leaving the call of the conference to one executive or one government, a mention of the conference is spread before the nations. fore the nations.

Hope for Adoption.

creased ratio, the negotiations are in a tense state, it is apparent, but not tenseness of a degree regarded as un-susceptible of relaxation.

No Cause for Apprehension. A high official of this government who is in a position to know every detail of the conference's work, talking to a group of newspaper men who have implicit confidence in his frankness and veracity of utterance, made the emphatic statement yesterday in effect that no condition has arisen in the conference warranting the apprehension of an impasse or of failure; that, on the contrary, the proceedings are being marked by an admirable spirit pro-phetic of a happy outcome.

When the Curzon-Briand incident has blown over or the attention of

When the Curzon-Briand incident has blown over, or the attention of the public attracted to other phases of the conference's work, it is expected there will be a lull in the discussion of land armaments. In fact, there will be nothing to induce to such discussion here, as the subject is being held in abeyance by the committee intrusted with it, for the time being. time being.

It is explained in official quarters that the time is not propitious to

that the time is not propitious to bring up the subject to the possible iiversion of effort in the directions which the conference's work is now

TAKES CABINET TASK. Count Bethlen Trying to Form Austrian Ministry.

BUDAPEST, November 25.—Admiral Horthy, the regent, today requested Count Stefan Bethlen, who tendered the resignation of his cabinet last week, to form a new ministry. Count Bethlen accepted, and began his task this afternoon. He will continue meeting party leaders to morrow.

AGREEMENT TERMS

Resolution to This Effect Will Be Drafted by Delegates' Committee.

DECISION IS NOT FINAL; VIVIANI CALLS MEETING

Question of Extraterritoriality Not Considered by Nations at Today's Session.

Withdrawal of foreign post offices n China was informally agreed to in principle today by the far eastern committee of the Washington conference and a resolution to that effect will be drafted by a subcomnittee authorized to work out details of the plan.

The question of extra-territoriality. the gradual abolition of which was agreed to in principle yesterday, was not considered by the nine nations represented in the far eastern committee at today's sitting.

The informal agreement with re spect to withdrawai by the foreign powers of the postal services main-tained by them in China, it was stated, was not final, but the subcom-mittee dealing with it will be guided by the general expressions favorable to that and to that end.

Viviani Calls Delegates.

At the request of M. Viviani of the French delegation, the subcommittee to deal with foreign post offices was called to meet later in the day. A meeting of the subcommittee considering extraterritorial rights in China was called Petition of Utilities Commisfor 10 o'clock Monday. It is the intention to have resolutions dealing both with the extraterritorial rights and post office matters ready for another meeting of the full committee on far eastern affairs Monday at 11 o'clock. The subcommittee on Chinese post offices was limited to the four powers, United States, Great Britain, France and Japan, having such postal stations in China. Senator Lodge was chosen as the American member of the sub-

Committee's Statement.

Following the morning session of the committee on Pacific and far eastern questions, the following communique was issued:

"The committee on Pacific and far eastern questions met in the Panurday, November 26, 1921. The compossible is the removal of irritating mittee discussed the matter of for-conditions existent in Asia, which, if eign post offices in China, and it was left alone, would be conducive, sooner the sense of the committee that there post offices as soon as it appeared that conditions warranted.

"A subcommittee composed of Senator Lodge, Sir Auckland Geddes, M. Vivani, Mr. Hanibara and Mr. Sze of December 31, 1916, instead of July.

he full committee at its next session This subcommittee will meet at 3 clock this afternoon.

o'clock this afternoon.

"The committee on extraterritoriality proposed at yesterday's meeting will be composed of the following delegates: United States of America, Senator Lodge; British empire, Senator Pearce; France, M. Sarraut: Italy, Senator Ricco; Japan, Mr. Hanihara; Belgium, Chevalier de Wouters; China, Dr. Chung-Hui Wang; the Netherlands, Jonkherr Van Karnebeek, and Portugal, Capt. Vasconcellos.

"The committee then adjourned to . "The committee then adjourned to meet on Monday next, November 28, at 11 o'clock a.m."

May Ask World Approval. With the arms conference negotia-tions proceeding in an atmosphere of friendliness, which delegates gener-

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Today's News In Brief

Delegates show favor for association of nations plan. Page 1 of nations plan.

Experts make decided progress on Page 1

Oriental splendor surrounds Prince of Wales. Page 4 Banker sees no present prospect of Chinese loan settlement. Page 8 Rhine doughboys start for home.

> **Hugo Stinnes** Is in England.

Maximilian Harden

Cables a remarkable character sketch of Germany's superman. Read it tomorrow in

The Sunday Star



THE MIS-HISTORICAL PAINTER.

APPEAL IS DENIED **VALUATION CASE**

sion in Pepco Proceedings Refused by Court.

The District Court of Appeals today

declined to grant an appeal to th United States Supreme Court asked by the Public Utilities Commission from the decision of the appellate cour overruling the opinion of the late Justice Gould in the Potomac Electric Power Company's valuation case. The Court of Appeals held that the decree was not a final one and the case is not in condition to go to the

United States Supreme Court. Corporation Counsel Stephens thinks the decree of Justice Gould was final. Two Buildings and Hotel Illinois Institutes Proceedings He will ask the United States Supreme Court to grant the appeal or to permit a review by certiorari of the decision of the appellate court. The majority opinion of the Court of Appeals held that the Public Utili-

of December 31, 1916, instead of July

AT ARMY-NAVY TIL

Spirit of Ancient Ashby Pervades Joust of Modern Knights at Polo Grounds. Ry the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, November 26 .- A vast body of spectators, notwithstanding a mean rain, turning out in their finest raiment as for a joust in the days when knighthood was in flower. filled the Polo Grounds today to wit-

against five former state treasurers.
Page 1
\$2,000,000 fire sweeps Augusta.
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Prisoner makes bold attempt to escape.
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Belgian delegates indicate purpose to support China's program at conference.
Page 2
President suggests annual series of tieth century.
But the same spirit pervaded the subled the sulted in three buildings, owned by rob.es and their ladies who assembled around the lists of Merrie England in the cocupants of these places were A. H. McDaniel, Beil Tailoring Company and Thomas Motor Company.
The origin of the fire is not definitely known this morning. Two men in a shoe shine parlor in the Hariment what they may.

Modernized was the scene, but in President suggests annual series of parlies to preserve peace. Page 3 Definite results in arms parley forecast.

Page 3 "Raid on Treasury" seen as danger in cutting war expenditures. Page 3 Denies friction with Gov. Wood.

Page 4 Spanish blame Moroccan failure on United States munitions. Page 4 Oriental splendor surrounds Prince of Blue or of Gray, the mantles of contents appeared their supporters sat.

Modernized was the scene, but in a shoe shine parlor in the Harison building Friday afternoon, whose names were not learned, stated that they smelled fire, and it is believed that the blaze was smoldering in the Johnson building, adjoining, at that time.

With his entire fire-fighting force on the scene shortly after 2 o'clock Chief Reynolds realized that the fire was beyond control and he sent out hurried calls to Savannah, Atlanta, Macon. Columbia, Charleston, Aiken Modeon. Columbia, Charleston, Aiken Modeon. Columbia, Charleston, Aiken Modeon. Columbia, Charleston, Aiken Modeon.

warriors past the age for griding battle but wise in council; statesmen and envoys from foreign countries parleying in Washington over rules and penalties for fiercer battles; the fairest of fair ladies, come the counry over to witness the classic of the

try over to witness the classic of the services.

Here and there, too, could be heard "old knights and nobles" who "lamented the decay of martial spirit" and who, too aged again to take the field, spoke of the triumphs of their younger gridfron days, when the mass play was in favor and the forward pass a thing unknown.

And, as in the time of knightly passages, when special positions were set aside at the spot where the shock of combat took place, there were roped off near midfield boxes for high officers of Army and Navy, for cabinet members and diplomats from overseas, for those of the spectators whose rank and position most entitled them to the greatest point of vantage.

The gallant little force from Aiken joined the Augusta force at a time whom it appeared that the entire block was doomed, and Chief Reynolds of Augusta states this morning that the Genesta Hotel would probassistance of the Aiken force. The Aiken firemen also kept the fire from spreading into the 800 block of Broad street, the Genesta Hotel being the only building in that block damaged to any extent by fire.

The places of business destroyed on Broad street were: Liggett's drug store. F. F. Ferris & Co., John J. Miller & Co.

A terrific explosion occurred just the service of the spectage of vantage.

the scale.

CHINAMAN FOUND GUILTY. PENSACOLA, Fla., November 26.—
Chester Wing, a Chinaman from Tampa, was found gullty in the United States court on a charge of violation states court on a charge of violation city appeared to occur upon the Johnson building, which is occupied entirely by offices.

Despite the early hour the entire city appeared to have been aroused and thousands were gathered about

nere exclusion act.

WANT TO OWN A STREET RAILWAY? SEE DONOVAN, DISTRICT AUDITOR If there is anybody in Washingof indebtedness against the com-

ton who would like to buy a street railway line in whole or in part they will be given the opportunity some time next month by Daniel J. Donovan, District auditor.

The Commissioners have directed the auditor to dispose of the Maryland and Washington Railway Company, on Kennedy street northwest, for failure to pay a bill of \$496.60 due the District for readjustment of the tracks. The District issued a certificate

on indeptendess against the company a year ago, which fell due Thanksgiving day. The certificate was not taken up on that date, hence the order to sell the property, or as much thereof as is necessary to meet the hill.

essary to meet the bill.

The auditor was in doubt today as to just what he will sell. According to J. H. Hanna, vice president of the Capital Traction Com-

SUES EX-OFFICIALS BY \$2,000,000 FIRE

Total Loss and Other Structures Damaged.

AUGUSTA, Ga., November 26.-Nearly one-half of the 700 block of Broad

that started at 1:45 o'clock in the ward J. Brundage. through the Harison building and the Howard E. Miller, and are directed Blaine of Wisconsin against the ac-Albion Hotel and one section of the against all state treasurers who held tion of a marine in shooting at men J. B. White & Co. department store. office between 1909 and 1921. State who attempted to ride on mail cars Loss to buildings and stocks is es- Auditor Andrew Russell, who was in that state. But it is understood

The entire eastern side of the 200 block of Jackson street, which is a part of the Johnson building, is totally destroyed.

The other former treasurers involved are: Gov. Len Small, Lieut. Gov. Fred Sterling, William Ryan, jr., and Edward E. Mitchell. The following buildings were in the

The Augusta Chronicle, local morning newspaper, the quarters of which

d after long and careful consideration, with possibly amendment here and there in the first tentative drafts, a repear the first tentative drafts, a repear to be adopted.

When the first tentative drafts, a repear to be adopted.

When that is done, the race for supermacy in naval building will have been halted. At this particular stage, with Japan still contending for her in a tense state, it is apparent, but you considerate for supermacy around the lists of Marine and the same building as the Ashby, and replacing livation and there is water damage throughout. Cheff Fireman Frank G. Reynolds the water and there is water damage throughout. Cheff Fireman Frank G. Reynolds the delared Capt, David S. Barry, liaison officer of the Marine delared Capt, David S. Barry, liaison officer of the Marine state them until the marines to shoot charge. Cheff Fireman Frank G. Reynolds the delared Capt, David S. Barry, liaison officer of the Marine delared them until the marines to shoot charge. Cheff Fireman Frank G. Reynolds the delared Capt, David S. Barry, liaison officer of the Marine delared them until the marines to shoot charge. Cheff Fireman Frank G. Reynolds there is water damage throughout. Cheff Fireman Frank G. Reynolds there is water damage throughout. Cheff Fireman Frank G. Reynolds there is water damage throughout. Cheff Fireman Frank G. Reynolds there is water damage throughout. Cheff Fireman Frank G. Reynolds there is water damage throughout. Cheff Fireman Frank G. Reynolds the delared Capt, David there is water damage throughout. Cheff Fireman Frank G. Reynolds the delared Capt David S. Barry, liaison officer of the Marine S. Barry, liaison

tending warriors proclaiming where their supporters sat.

On the field was the flower of America's young manhood—gallant foemen who might be called on to show their bravery in graver battle. In the stands, as in the olden days, sat grim warriors past the age for gridiron battle but wise in council; statesmen and envoys from foreign countries and envoys from foreign countries tance of twenty-three miles, in twentage for the flower of twenty-three miles, in twentage of twenty-three miles, in twentage for the flower of the flower of the flower of the fire was under control. Chief Aldrich and eleven men came here from Aiken, arriving about 3:30 o'clock, making the run from Aiken, a distance of twenty-three miles, in twentage for the flower of the flowe tance of twenty-three miles, in twenty-five minutes. Aiken Force Arrives.

> The gallant little force from Aiken A terrific explosion occurred just after the fire started, but it has not been determined what caused it, as it appeared to occur upon the third or fourth floor of the Johnson building.

pany, his company operates the road on a ten-year lease and fur-nishes the cars. The Maryland and Washington Company owns only the tracks, Mr. Hanna said.

FOR ACCOUNTING

Against Five Former State Treasurers.

-Stits for accounting against five eral pedestrains happened to go by street, in the heart of Augusta's business section, stands a mass of ruins ages of approximately \$2.500,000, were bers with whom the department has this morning, as the result of a fire started today by Attorney General Ed. Johnson building, corner Jackson and The suits cover the six terms pre-Broad streets, and rapidly ate its way ceding that of the present treasurer, ceived a letter of protest from Gov.

The Small, Sterling and Russell that the Post Office Department, with

today in Cook county.

Bondsmen of all the former treasurers were made defendants.

Disclosures made through the investigation of the state treasury, which resulted in indictment of Gov. Small, Lieut. Gov. Sterling and Vernon

Small, Lieut. Gov. Sterling and Vernon

Curtis hanking agencies of the state treasury is took charge.

(Continued on Page 2, Column 5.) FIND 'CHRISTMAS LIQUOR'

ABOARD U. S. S. REDWING Authorities Place Mine Sweeper

and Crew Under Guard to Await Investigation PORTSMOUTH, Va., November 26.

-The U. S. S. Redwing, mine sweeper, with a complement of sixty men, is under a naval guard at the Hampton Roads submarine base today following the discovery and removal last night of a large quantity of "Christ- at this time in protecting the peomas liquors," including the very best Canadian Club whisky, fine brandies

and Cuban rum.

An inquiry has been ordered by Admiral Philip Andrews, ranking officer of the district.

Corn as Fuel to Heat

County in Iowa Buys

Public Institutions POCAHONTAS, Iowa, November 26.—The board of supervisors or Pocahontas county has ordered the county auditor to buy corn for use as heating fuel this winter in the courthouse, county home and insane infirm-ary. This is the first official action taken in Iowa calling for the burning of corn instead of

NATION-WIDE PLOT TO ROB MAILS LED TO MARINE CALL

TWO CENTS.

Department Has Details of Concerted Raids Planned for Coming Winter.

HOPE TO FOIL THIEVES IS PINNED ON GUARDS

Assigned in Nick of Time Is Belief of Officials-Five Attempts Made at New York Rohbery.

Evidence of a nation-wide plot to rob the United States mails this winter is in the hands of the Post Office Department, and it was largely to thwart these designs that the marines were called to guard mail trains and post offices, it was learned

Knowledge that determined efforts would be made this winter to rob the mails in various parts of the country, following the recent successful mail theft in New York city, was responsible for the determination to use the marines. Edward H. Shaughnessy, second

assistant postmaster general, in charge of the railway mail service. let it be known today for the first ime that the 2,000 marines were not put on trains and at post offices to fight a few sporadic men of vicious character who might take it into their heads to rob the mails. The marines only went on duty in the nick of time, according to the belief of officials, and their vigilance will be the one great factor in stop-ping the mail robberies.

Hold Suspect in Custody.

Inspectors of the department have information as to the concerted acion planned to rob mail trains and trucks throughout the country, and believe that they have in custody in New York one of the members of the possible mail robber band.

possible mail robber band.

Five attempts were made in New York to "pull off" the mail robbery which resulted finally in a haul of more than a million dollars. The man now in custody was arrested for another crime, it is understood, but later is said to have confessed that he had attempted to rob the truck before, and had been thwarted on each occasion, and finally the "job" was "pulled" by others.

One night a rain made the robbers, gathered at a corner near the spot where the actual robbery took place later, hesitate to attempt the crime, owing to the slippery condition of the asphalt, it being feared that if suddenly halted the mail truck would skid, thereby giving the mail clerk time to resist.

On another occasion, according to information in the hands of the Post Office Department, this man and his confederates were lying in wait for the truck, when a policeman and several pedestrains hannened to so hy

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., November 26. the truck, when a policeman and sev-

Protests Wisconsin Shooting

timated at approximately \$2,900,000, treasurer twice during the period, is that for the present it is not likely as the building loss alone will run around a million and a half dol.ars.

Gov. Small Is Included.

The position of the Post Office Description of the Post Office Desc path of the fire: Johnson building, total loss; Harison building, total loss; Albion Hotel, total loss, and Genesta Hotel, partly burned.

Chronicle Burned Out.

The Small, Sterling and Russell that the Fost Office Department, with the information it has as to plans county circuit court at Springfield, their official residence. Suit against It is felt here that neither Government. The Augusta Chronicle, local morn-today in Cook county.

Going back to enactment of the law of 1908, which required the state treasurer to deposit money received by him in Illinois banks that would pay the highest rate of interest, Atters entirely in the hands of the marine officers.

ters entirely in the hands of the marine officers.

The marines, it is held, have no time to attempt to discriminate between men attempting to rob mail cars and men only attempting to steal rides. At Union station here recently a truck loaded with valuable securities divided a party of three young men and three young women, and when one of the men placed a hand on the truck to regain his position by the side of one of the young women the marine on the truck leveled his gun at him. While the young man became angry, it is thought by postal officials that the marine acted properly. It is believed that the plotted robberies might have been operated in some such fashion, and that women, as well as men, would likely have n as well as men, would likely have

taken part in them Criminals Ride on Engines. Just what the postal service faces

at this time in protecting the people's mail was demonstrated on a mail train steaming into Evansville, Ind., not far from Sullivan, the home of Postmaster General Hays. The marine observed a white man and a colored man riding on the engine and ordered them off. They refused, but when he emphasized his command with a gun, the men left the train. At Evansville a telegram was received from another city asking the police to arrest a white man and a colored man who were understood to be on the train. They were wanted for crime. Thus, it is seen, according to postal officials, that the marines never know who the men are they order off trains or shoot at, and that they can do little else under their orders.

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The question of whether the marines on mail trains constitute mar-tial law, in a sense, is one with which the postal service is not con-cerned, it is declared, this being a matter for settlement between those who may protest and the Marine

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